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SUBJ: FUTURE MILITARY COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL:
OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION

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1. CHAIRMAN, US DEL JBUSMC, ADMIRAL CALLAGHAN, HAS INDICATED THAT DURING HIS FEBRUARY CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON HE DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE SAYRE, DOD AND JCS OFFICIALS THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION (ODC) IN BRAZIL TO PERMIT ONGOING MILITARY LIAISON BETWEEN THE GOB AND USG AFTER TERMINATION OF JBUSMC IN SEPTEMBER. CALLAGHAN SAID THAT THE FY-79 SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT CPD INCLUDED SIX MILITARY BILLETS WITH FUNDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ODC IN BRAZIL.

2. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW IF THE ODC BILLETS HAVE IN FACT BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR BRAZIL IN THE FY-79 CPD. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE ODC PROPOSAL IN WASHINGTON.

3. ADMIRAL CALLAGHAN HAS ALSO INDICATED THAT A
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FLAG/GENERAL OFFICER (WHO WILL CONTINUE TO RESIDE IN WASHINGTON) WILL ASSUME DOD RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT OF JBUSMC AFTER ADMIRAL CALLAGHAN'S MAY DEPARTURE. WE ASSUME THAT IS SIMILAR TO ARRANGEMENTS THE AIR FORCE AND ARMY INITIATED AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THOSE SERVICES' GENERAL OFFICERS FROM JBUSMC LAST YEAR. GENERAL

OFFICERS WERE AVAILABLE IN DOD AS NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE
IN ANY US-GOB SERVICE-TO-SERVICE NEGOTIATIONS THAT MIGHT
ARISE AND DID PARTICIPATE AS ARMY AND AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE LAST FORMAL CONSULTATIONS (AUGUST, 1977)
BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
CONFIRMATION THAT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FLAG/GENERAL
OFFICER DESIGNATED IN ADMIRAL CALLAGHAN'S PLACE ARE FOR
TROUBLESHOOTING ANY LAST MINUTE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE
TWO DELEGATIONS AND NOT RELATED TO CONTEMPLATED ONGOING FORMS
OF MILITARY COOPERATION SUCH AS THE ODC.
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